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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS CONTINUES ATTACKS ON NSC ADVISOR
BRZEZINSKI

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SUMMARY: TOUGH, SIGNED COMMENTARY IN JUNE 15 PRAVDA
STRONGLY CRITICIZES "ANTI-SOVIET" ASPECTS OF NSC
ADVISOR BRZEZINSKI'S VISIT TO CHINA. ARTICLE ALLEGES
BRZEZINSKI AND CHINESE LEADERS DISCUSSED COORDINATING
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THEIR EFFORTS IN ASIA, AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST,
AND THAT BRZEZINSKI BRIEFED CHINESE ON "MAJOR ASPECTS
OF AMERICAN MILITARY STRATEGY," NEW U.S. WEAPONS
SYSTEMS AND THE U.S. POTENTIAL TO START PRODUCTION
OF THE NEUTRON BOMB "AT
ANY MOMENT". TASS ARTICLE IN JUNE 15 PRAVDA REPORTS
INDIAN "ANXIETIES" OVER REPORTS THAT U.S. DECIDED

TO SELL EARTH SENSING EQUIPMENT TO CHINA FOLLOWING
BRZEZINSKI VISIT TO PEKING. THESE ARTICLES CLOSELY
FOLLOW OTHER RECENT SOVIET PRESS ATTACKS ON BRZEZINSKI
(REFTELS). END SUMMARY.

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. PRAVDA JUNE 15 CARRIES
COMMENTARY BY A. PETROV ENTITLED "WHAT DID THEY
TALK ABOUT IN PEKING?" WHICH FOCUSES ON NSC ADVISOR
BRZEZINSKI'S VISIT TO CHINA. COMMENTARY MIXES
EDITORIALIZING WITH U.S. PRESS REPORTS TO STATE THAT:
-- BRZEZINSKI BRIEFED THE NATO COUNCIL ON HIS TALKS
IN PEKING FOLLOWING HIS RETURN TO WASHINGTON;
-- ALTHOUGH "IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED" THAT THE
VISIT WAS UNDERTAKEN TO CONTINUE THE PROCESS OF
NORMALIZING RELATIONS, THE PROBLEM OF TAIWAN "WAS
NOT IN ANY WAY TOUCHED UPON." INSTEAD, PEKING'S
LEADERS CONCENTRATED ON ANTI-SOVIETISM. QUOTING AP,
COMMENTARY STATES THAT THE CHINESE "COULD NOT HAVE
FOUND A BETTER PARTNER THAN BRZEZINSKI" IN THIS
REGARD.
-- BRZEZINSKI ATTEMPTED "TO ASCERTAIN THE POSSIBILITIES
OF USING CHINA AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION IN INTER-
NATIONAL AFFAIRS" AND TO GAUGE WHETHER CHINA IS
UNDERTAKING THE NECESSARY MILITARY, ECONOMIC AND
POLITICAL EFFORTS TO PLAY A GLOBAL DIPLOMATIC ROLE
IN COOPERATION WITH THE U.S. "IN OTHER WORDS,"
ARTICLE CLAIMS, BRZEZINSKI ATTEMPTED TO PLAY THE
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"CHINA CARD" AND TO USE THE "ANTI-SOVIETISM" OF
THE CHINESE LEADERS IN THE GLOBAL INTERESTS OF THE
U.S., PARTICULARLY IN ITS RELATIONS WITH THE USSR.
2. RELYING ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY ON EDITORIALIZING
AND WITH ONLY OCCASIONAL DIRECT REFERENCES TO
FOREIGN PRESS SOURCES, ARTICLE GOES ON TO STATE THAT:
-- THE CHARACTER OF BRZEZINSKI'S EXCHANGES WITH
CHINESE LEADERS ON AFRICA, ASIA AND THE MIDDLE EAST
WAS CLEARLY ANTI-SOVIET. "IN ALMOST ALL INSTANCES,"
BRZEZINSKI ACCEPTED PEKING'S ASSESSMENT OF SOVIET
FOREIGN POLICY;
-- CHINESE RESPONDED POSITIVELY TO BRZEZINSKI
AND "THE RESULTS BECAME EVIDENT VERY QUICKLY" IN
HUANG HUA'S SZEIN NORMALIZING
U.S.-VIETNAMESE RELATIONS. BRZEZINSKI SUPPOSEDLY
MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE U.S. WOULD TAKE NOTE OF
PEKING'S PROPOSAL;
-- FOLLOWING PRC VISIT, PROBABLY IN RESPONSE TO
CHINESE VIEWS, BRZEZINSKI BEGAN TO SPEAK ABOUT
THE EMERGING VIETNAMESE THREAT TO "KAMPUCHEAN
NATIONAL SECURITY";
-- BRZEZINSKI URGED PRC AND JAPAN TO CONCLUDE PFT

ON CHINESE TERMS;

-- CHINESE ASKED BRZEZINSKI TO DELAY PLANNED PULL-
OUT OF U.S. TROOPS FROM SOUTH KOREA;
-- BRZEZINSKI BRIEFED THE CHINESE ON "MAJOR ASPECTS
OF AMERICAN MILITARY STRATEGY," NEW U.S. WEAPONS
SYSTEMS, INCLUDING NEUTRON WEAPONS. HE ASSURED
THE CHINESE THAT PRESIDENT CARTER'S DECISION ON

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THE NEUTRON BOMB WAS NOT FINAL AND THAT PRODUCTION
COULD START "AT ANY MOMENT."

3. COMMENTARY CONCLUDES BY CHARGING THAT BRZEZINSKI
TALKS IN PEKING "ARE PAVING THE WAY FOR SINO-U.S.
COLLUSION AGAINST PEOPLE STRUGGLING FOR NATIONAL
LIBERATION ."

4. JUNE 14 TASS ARTICLE DATELINED NEW DELHI
CRITICIZING REPORTED U.S. DECISION TO SELL EARTH
SENSING EQUIPMENT TO CHINA APPEARS ON SAME PAGE AS
PETROV COMMENTARY. ARTICLE, ENTITLED "DELHI'S
ANXIETY" CITES INDIAN PRESS AS REPORTING THAT:

-- GOVERNMENT CIRCLES IN INDIA ARE EXPRESSING ANXIETY
ABOUT THE U.S. DECISION "TO TRANSFER TO CHINA
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SOPHISTICATED EQUIPMENT FOR CARRYING OUT
'GEOLOGICAL RESEARCH'." THE EQUIPMENT, WHICH
UTILIZES INFRA-RED TECHNOLOGY, CAN BE USED FOR
MILITARY PURPOSES AND FOR GATHERING INTELLIGENCE
ON INDO-CHINESE BORDER AREAS;
-- U.S. DECISION TO SUPPLY THE EQUIPMENT WAS REACHED
SOON AFTER NSC ADVISOR BRZEZINSKI RETURNED FROM PEKING.
5. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. COMMENT: TOUGH PETROV
COMMENTARY IS THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE PIECE BY A
SENIOR POLITICAL COMMENTATOR ON NSC ADVISOR
BRZEZINSKI'S VISIT TO CHINA THAT WE HAVE SEEN. IT
CLOSELY FOLLOWS RECENT SOVIET PRESS ATTACKS ON
BRZEZINSKI AS THE MAIN REASON FOR THE PRESENT STATE
OF U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS (REF A), AND THE AUTHORITA-
TIVE JUNE 13 ALEXANDROV ARTICLE'S CRITICAL REFERENCE
TO BRZEZINSKI'S CHINA VISIT (REF B). PETROV COMMENTARY
SUGGESTS THAT THE CUTTING EDGE OF SOVIET CRITICISM
OF BRZEZINSKI WILL REMAIN HIS ROLE IN IMPROVING SINO-
U.S. RELATIONS. SOVIET PROPAGANDA SWIPES AT
BRZEZINSKI IN CONNECTION WITH REPORTS OF DAEDALUS
DECISION REVERSAL WILL FURTHER EMPHASIZE THIS CENTRAL
FOCUS.
6. SOVIET REPORT OF INDIAN "ANXIETIES" OVER REPORTED
DAEDALUS SALE REVERSAL INDICATES THAT SOVIETS
PUBLICLY, AND PROBABLY PRIVATELY, WILL ATTEMPT TO
STOKE CONCERN AMONG OTHER ASIANS ABOUT IMPACT OF
ANY U.S. MILITARY SALES TO CHINA. MATLOCK

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